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February 25, 2015

The Honorable Pamela S. Hyde
Administrator
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
1 Choke Cherry Road
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Dear Administrator Hyde:

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is engaged in ongoing oversight of mental health programs and resources with the goal of ensuring that federal dollars devoted to mental health are reaching the over 11 million American adults with serious mental illness and helping them to obtain the most effective care.

As part of the committee's follow-up to the May 22, 2013 hearing, "Examining SAMHSA's Role in Delivering Services to the Severely Mentally Ill," at which you testified, committee staff met with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) staff on March 18, 2014. At this meeting, committee staff requested certain documents and additional information to assist the committee in better understanding SAMHSA's oversight of the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) program.

On June 27, 2014, SAMHSA provided to the committee a partial response to these requests, with three categories of documents withheld. Committee staff contacted SAMHSA multiple times in the following months to request that SAMHSA complete its response to the committee's March 2014 requests. This includes a request made several days before your scheduled testimony at the February 11, 2015 Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on "Federal Efforts on Mental Health: Why Greater HHS Leadership Is Needed."

On the morning of the February 11, 2015 hearing, SAMHSA communicated to committee staff that "[w]e are still reviewing the multitude of reports you have requested and will provide the reports as soon as possible." At the hearing, we underscored the importance of SAMHSA acting quickly to comply with the committee's request for documents and information, including the outstanding request dating back to March 2014. Today we reiterate

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that request and ask that you provide the committee with the following documents or information and respond to the following questions no later than March 11, 2015:

1. Please provide copies of annual performance reports and audits for recipients of PAIMI funds from 2009 through the present;
2. Please provide copies of monitoring reports for recipients of PAIMI funds from 2009 through the present; and
3. Your staff indicated on February 11, 2015, "there are no documents regarding technical assistance provided to the Disability Rights Center in Maine following the Bruce case." If there are no such documents, is SAMHSA able to confirm that no technical assistance at all, including by means of verbal or other informal communication, was provided to the Disability Rights Center in Maine following the Bruce case?

An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the committee's request. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Sam Spector at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



Fred Upton
Chairman



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member

The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations